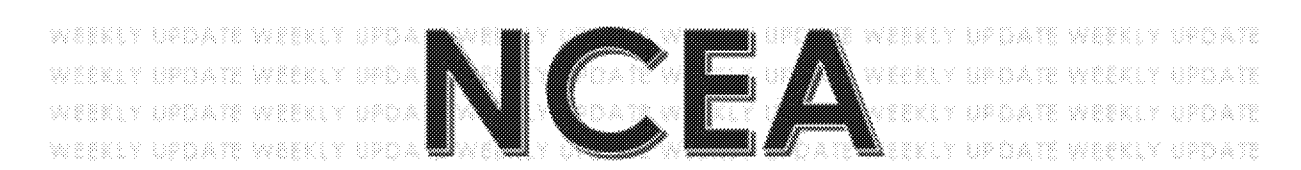


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## **National Center for Environmental Assessment**

### **Weekly Report: June 20 – July 1**

#### **Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA)**

##### **Public Meetings, Workshops, and Events:**

- On June 20 and 22, EPA held the last of multiple public peer input webinars to solicit input on preliminary written materials being prepared for the first draft Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) for Particulate Matter (PM). Invited experts from multiple scientific disciplines were asked to provide input on written sections being drafted for the PM ISA on topics including atmospheric chemistry, exposure, modes of action, dosimetry, health effects, and welfare effects, including effects on climate, visibility, materials, and ecological effects. PM is one of six principal (or criteria) air pollutants for which EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and the input received during these workshops will help shape the first draft PM ISA scheduled for public release and subsequent review by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) in 2017.
- On June 21, Paul Schlosser and Alan Sasso spoke at a technical workshop at the German Environment Agency (the Umweltbundesamt, or UBA) in Berlin, Germany. The topic of the workshop was hexavalent chromium in drinking water. Drs. Schlosser and Sasso were invited by the UBA because of their work on the IRIS toxicological review of hexavalent chromium, and their expertise in toxicokinetics.
- On June 28, ORD-NCEA leadership will hold the first of two briefings with OCSPP, OPPT, and OPP to provide updates about its portfolio of human health risk assessment (HHRA) projects for FY16-19. Participants will discuss ongoing and planned HHRA projects and introduce the opportunity to participate in the project alliance and coordination teams (PACTs) that are being put together. The second briefing will occur July 15<sup>th</sup>.

- On June 29 and 30, NCEA will convene a public science meeting to discuss draft IRIS assessments of benzo[a]pyrene (BaP) and tert-Butyl alcohol (t-butanol). Topics will include approaches to estimate the risk of skin cancer following dermal exposure to BaP and a review of thyroid effects and kidney carcinogenicity associated with t-butanol.

### **Air, Climate, and Energy (ACE)**

#### **Public Meetings, Workshops, and Events:**

- From June 20-24, Jordan West attended the International Coral Reef Symposium in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she presented on the Corals & Climate Adaptation Planning project and associated Adaptation Design Tool.

#### **Publications and Product Updates:**

- On June 22, Susan Julius and Britta Bierwagen released an external review draft of the report "Evaluating Urban Resilience to Climate Change: A Multi-Sector Approach" for public comment and review. This report describes an assessment tool that uses a combination of quantitative and qualitative indicators to help cities identify areas of resilience and vulnerability to climate change impacts.

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